

ALMONT TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 11, 2008

Meeting called to order by Supervisor at 7:00 p.m. at 819 N. Main St., Almont, MI. Members present were Supervisor Groesbeck, Clerk Hoffner, Treasurer Rayl, and Trustees Moore, Sweers, Stroup, and Eschenburg. Also present were approximately 15 visitors. Pledge of Allegiance was said.

LATE AGENDA: None

MOVED BY STROUP, SUPPORTED BY MOORE TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.

REPORTS: Presented by Fire Chief, Police Chief, OEO, assessor, and Dennis Sweers for the planning commission. **MOVED BY STROUP, SUPPORTED BY SWEERS TO APPROVE RYAN FEYS, MARK MERSINO, NICHOLAS DUDAS, AND DAN BACHOLZKY AS PROBATIONARY FIREFIGHTERS, PENDING THEIR PASSING THE DEPARTMENT PHYSICAL. MOTION CARRIED.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: **MOVED BY GROESBECK, SUPPORTED BY ESCHENBURG TO APPOINT FRED HUNTER TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO FINISH OUT THE TERM FOR RICHARD STINE. ROLL CALL VOTE: ESCHENBURG-YES, GROESBECK-YES, RAYL-YES, SWEERS-YES, HOFFNER-YES, MOORE-YES, STROUP-YES. MOTION CARRIED.**

Clerk Hoffner explained the need to move the polling locations for elections to a larger place. **MOVED BY ESCHENBURG, SUPPORTED BY MOORE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION MOVING POLLING LOCATIONS FOR ALL ELECTIONS, EXCEPT VILLAGE ELECTIONS, TO THE ALMONT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AT 401 CHURCH ST. ROLL CALL VOTE: GROESBECK-YES, ESCHENBURG-YES, HOFFNER-YES, STROUP-YES, RAYL-YES, MOORE-YES, SWEERS-YES. MOTION CARRIED.**

Clerk Hoffner told the board that the IRS mileage rate is 58.5 cents and the township rate is 40.5. She suggested the board might want to raise their rate. **MOVED BY ESCHENBURG, SUPPORTED BY STROUP TO RAISE TOWNSHIP MILEAGE RATE TO 50 CENTS PER MILE. ROLL CALL VOTE: HOFFNER-YES, RAYL-YES, STROUP-YES, MOORE-YES, SWEERS-YES, GROESBECK-YES, ESCHENBURG-YES. MOTION CARRIED.**

Road projects were discussed. **MOVED BY STROUP, SUPPORTED BY MOORE TO APPROVE ROADSIDE MOWING AT A COST OF \$3,275.00. MOTION CARRIED.**

MOVED BY GROESBECK, SUPPORTED BY ESCHENBURG TO APPROVE ONE BRINING, WHEN THE TOWNSHIP REQUESTS IT, FOR A COST OF \$13,378.93. ROLL CALL VOTE: MOORE-YES, SWEERS-YES, GROESBECK-YES, ESCHENBURG-YES, HOFFNER-YES, RAYL-YES, STROUP-YES. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY ESCHENBURG, SUPPORTED BY HOFFNER TO APPROVE DITCHING, MULCHING, ETC. FOR BISHOP RD. PROJECT BETWEEN GENERAL SQUIRE AND TUBSPRING RD. MOTION CARRIED.

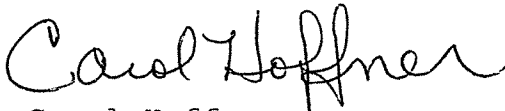
MOVED BY STROUP, SUPPORTED BY MOORE TO APPROVE REPLACING CULVERT ON SHOEMAKER RD. BETWEEN GENERAL SQUIRE AND TUBSPRING RD. AT A COST OF \$1,850.00. MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE:

BOARD DISCUSSION: **MOVED BY RAYL, SUPPORTED BY MOORE TO ADD MULTI-SECURITY BANK TO OUR RESOLUTION ON APPROVED FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND INVESTMENTS. CARRIED.**

Board decided to hold off on any decision concerning the old fire hall.

MOVED BY MOORE, SUPPORTED BY ESCHENBURG TO ADJOURN. MOTION CARRIED. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.



Carol Hoffner
Almont Township Clerk